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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE
TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 13, 2002**

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed August 13, 2002 and having a three month shortened statutory response period. A three month extension of time is enclosed, extending the date of response to February 13, 2003. If any additional fees are due, please charge Sulzer Medica Deposit Account No. 09-0473.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 9, 11, 13, 18, and 25 as follows. A marked-up version of the claims is attached in APPENDIX A entitled "CLAIMS MARKED-UP TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

1. (Twice Amended) A method of promoting the healing of a skin wound comprising applying to said skin wound a composition comprising the growth factors BMP-3 and TGF- β 2 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

9. (Twice Amended) A composition for the treatment of skin wounds, said composition comprising a histone-depleted mixture of the bone morphogenetic proteins BMP-3 and TGF- β 2, said mixture of proteins having been treated to remove histone proteins, said composition including a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.